BINGHAMTON, Dec. 19 .- George Hull, the inventor of the famous Cardiff giant, is very ill at the home of his daughter, at 16 Pennsylvania avenue, this city. He is now 76 years of age. For some months he has been able to get about only with the aid of crutches.

He never tires of telling about the big stone man with which he deceived the public twenty years ago, and still bears a grudge against the relative to whom he confided his scheme, and who, as he says, "gave away the snap that lost him a big fortune." He is a giant mself, standing 6 feet 2 inches in his stocking feet, with shoulders apparently a yard wide and a well-proportioned frame.

'Yes," he said, with a good-humored smile, to a Sun correspondent, "I am George Hull, and I made the Cardiff giant. I am a Connecticut Yankee by birtu. My father, John Hull, was a New Hampshire man, and married my mother at Suffield, Conn. She was a Connecti-out woman. They were both of English extraction. My father was a contractor for bridges and other public works. He lost a good deal of money by a partner, and when I was young we all had to put our noses to the grindne. I never had but one year's schooling, and when I was 14 I went to work on a farm and turned the soil with a wooden plough.

When I was 16 years old I learned to make eigars in a small factory and worked as an ap-prentice for three years. Then I went to work in neighboring towns and became somewhat of a sport. I wrestled, ran, and had a good time generally. There were few who could beat me in 100 yards. I trained Samuel Day, a Connecticut boy, till he could beat me about five feet in 100 yards, and then we travelled together. At Binghamton, N. Y., where I worked several years, I married in 1856 and settled In 1860 I invented a harness snap out of which I ought to have made myself rich, but I didn't. I sold the patent for \$300. Fourteen years later the purchasers paid me \$3,500 to nd my name to a petition for an extension of the patent for another fourteen years. I after-ward learned that they made at least \$400,000

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"Well, it was at Ackley, Ia., that I first conceived the idea of fooling the world with the big stone man. I had some relations at Ackley, and sent my sister's husband 10,000 clgars to sell. Herouldn't pay me, and I went out there to see about it. I found the farm he owned encumbered, and as I thought a good deal of the family, before I left I cleared up the mortgage. At that time a Methodist revivalist was in Ackley, and prayed all over the settlement. The people were too poor to pay him anything, and he boarded around. One night he was at my atter's house, and after supper we had a long discussion and a hot one. I was then and am now an atheist. At midnight we went to bed, and I lay wide awake wondering why people would believe those remarkable stories in the Bible about giants, when suddenly I thought of making a stone giant, and passing to first a petrified man. I returned to Binghamton and sold out my business; went to Wisconsin, where the idea continued to hant me, and went back to New York State with my family, and finally returned to Iowa. But I didn't go hear my folks at Ackley."

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"After a while I found a suitable kind of stone near Fort Dodge, on the river bank. It was a gray stone, somewhat resembling gypsum, with dark-colored bluish streaks, which afterward passed for veins of a human body. I found a mass of this rock cropping out about 196 feet from the river, and bought an acre of this land. Then I went to work with a force of men, and in three weeks I had a block ready to take away. It was about II foot 4 inches in length, 3 feet 6 inches wide, and over 2 feet thick. This I transported by land to the nearest railroad station, Boone, forty-five miles distant. The removal to the station occupied three weeks and cost over \$200. It was no small job transporting this ponderents mass over prairie roads, fords, and weak bridges. Two men in succession threw up their contracts, and if I had not been supervising the job, aided by jack screws, lovers, beams, and windlasses, it would have remained in the road.

"At Boone I shipped it to Chicago, where I rented a one-story frame building on North Clark street, close to the lake. Then I hired a stone outter and cautioned him to secrecy. When the Fort Dodge people had saked ine what I wanted of the stone I had told them I was going to take it to Washington as a specimen of the best building stone in the world. Now I expected greater trouble in avoiding the inquisitive. The stone-cutter was a German, and all he wanted was this wages. I never told him what I was going to do, and he never told anybody what he was going: "I first made the model of a man in clay. It

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"I first made the model of a man in clay. It
lay on its back and was just the shape which the
Cardiff giant assumed as the work of cutting it
out progressed. On the undersile of the body I
out away some places, as I did not wish to have
the giant too perfect, because there should be
some parts of his fiesh which had not petrified
and therefore rotted away. I then made a tool
with bundles of darning needles, the handles
cast in lead, and with this tool went over
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"I returned to Binghamton and walted one male away weeks. In the meantime I manufactured cigars. I had previously given Nowell directions bow to discover the giant. It came out all right. I didn't go near the spot for two or three days after it was dug up, and was first told of the great limb by several people on the str

"How did you get it over here?" was BarBum's next question.
"Oh," said Hull, "I put it on my shoulder
one afternoon, and ever since my shoulders
have been kind of stiff and sore."

Barnum laughed and went over to talk with
the men who had just bought the giant. He
effered them \$60,000 for the use of the figure
for three months. They refused.

Mr. Hull finally got \$3,000 for his one fourth
interest in the figure, which made \$23,000 his
all. As his expenses were \$3,000, this left him
more than \$20,000 for his work. There were
soon six copies of the wonder being exhibited
through the country.

Au 11-Year-Old Oplum Smoker. John Smith, an 11-year-old mulatto boy, of 221 West Eighteenth street, was arraigned in Jefferson Market Court yesterday by Gerry Agent Agnew for being an opium smoker. On Saturday night Agnew visited the boy's home and found a complete onium smok-ing layout, including pipes, cooking lamps, raw and prepared opium, and other of the usual accessories. In the flat were the boy's mother, a light-colored negress, and Joseph De Conta, a Cubin.

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De Costa was in court when the boy was arraigned. As Agent Agnew passed to the witness afand, with an elaborate opinin pipe in his hand. De Costa jumped up from his scat and begged Agnew not to confiscate the pipe.

As the boy showed evidences of being addicted to the use of centum, he will be kept prisoner by the Gerry society for examination to-morrow.

MUSIC THAT BROUGHT HOLLY. An Adventure of Gatherers of Christman Gre in the Kentucky Mountain

LEXINGTON, Kr., Dec. 19.-Hundreds of cases of holly are being shipped out of the mountains of eastern Kentucky, to be used for Christmas decorations. One of the largest shippers is Mrs. D. Honaker of this city. Her son O'ee and Jesse Grubts have been in the mountains for more than a week gathering holly. They have had a peculiar experience. When they landed at Fin-castle, a station on the Lexington and Eastern railroad, in the very heart of the mountains, and in the centre of the holly section, they were mistaken for revenue officers, for there are many moonshine stills in this section. A strapping mountaineer walked up to Ollie Honaker the night they arrived and asked:

"What is you strangers gwine to do up here ?"
"We came up on a little business," replied "You'd better not meddle with our business. rejoined the mountaineer, "or we'll shoot yer

beads off. Ollie asked him what business he was engaged in, but the mountain man declined to say, and simply repeated his admonition. Ollie assured him that he did't want to interfere with anybody's business, and said that they had come to get holly bougher This was a staggerer. The fellow

"What is helly boughs? I know what helly is, but what is hally boughs ?" Young Honaker explained to him what he meant, but this only half satisfied the moun-

taineer's curiosity. He rejoined: "Say, stranger, that's 'bout the thinnest thing you revenoes has got up. You mean to say that you want holly limbs to send to the big towns fer Christmas ! We buy shootin' crackers, have eggnog and applejack, and sometimes pound cake, and if we can git a wild turkey we have turkey for Christmas, but whoever beard of

holly! You make me laugh." It was some time before Honaker and Grabbs could convince the mountaineer that they were could convince the mountaineer that they were actually after holly boughs and that holly possessed a market value. The man agreed finally to take them across the mountain where there was a great doal of the best kind of holly, he said. He hooked up a team of oxen the next morning, the young men but two goods boxes on the cart, and the start was made. It soon began to rain and Grubbs and Honaker tilted the boxes over togother so they would make a roof. They had not gone far in this way until bang! bang! went a revolver, and when Honaker looked out from under the boxes the mountaineer was holding a emoking plaid in his right hand and laughing bois erously.

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"Did i scare ye, sonny?" he asked.

Honaker declared that he was not accared and then the old man took out another revolver and said:

"These are my peta, and I was just shooting this one to see if you boys were scarey."

By this time Jesse Grubba had crawled from under the boxes as pale as a sheet. Jesse is the leader of the Lexington Mandolin Club, and he tool the old man that he would play for him on the mandolin when they got back if he would put up the pistols. The man had heard Jesse play the night before, and, liking the music, he quickly put his pistols up and drove on. It was difficult to hire the mountaineers to cut helly at first, and the young men had trouble in getting their boxes filled. But that night a number of neighbors assembled at the old man's to see "them fool fellers that want holly," as they described Honaker and Grubbs. True to his promise. Grubbs brought out his mandolin. He is an excellent performer, and plays many of the old-time melodies which made Kentucky famous in the ante-bellum days. The sweet music from the wire-stringed instrument was something the rude people who were listening had never heard, and they could not get enough of it. Jesse played until his arm and fingers were sore; but his listeners would not let him stop. It was nearly 11 clock before he quit playing, and he was allowed to 'o so then only on promising that he would play for them, and sure enough they went to work next day. The young men have succeeded in shipping hundreds of case of holly, and a letter just received from Oile Honaker says among other things:

"We are working more than twenty men at present. We have more holly than we know what to do with. They are bringing it in barrels, in sacks, in two-horse wagons, in ox carre, and in sieds. The children are bringing it in barrels, in sacks, in two-horse wagons, in ox carre, and in sieds. The children a

NEW JERSEY'S CORPORATION TAX. Bastly Collected Assessments That Make State Tax Unnecessary.

TRENTON, Dec. 19 .- It takes \$1,800,000 to pay the yearly expenses of running New Jersey's State Government. Besides there are yearly appropriations for State Institutions aggregating about \$300,000. To meet this large expenditure there is no State tax. The money comes from the corporations which are incorporated in or do business in the State.

In the report of the State Board of Assessors just submitted to the Governor, it is shown that the taxes assessed upon the railroad and miscellaneous corporations for the past year aggregate \$2,180,549.37. This is for the use of the State. Besides there is an assessment of \$402,-578.05 against second-class railroad property which is distributed among the municipalities in which the property is situated. More than one-half, or \$1,104,346.85, of the tax for State purposes is derived from the railroad and canal companies. The Pennsylvania Rail-road system is the largest taxpayer, turning in \$314.293.13; the Central Railroad of in \$314.293.13; the Central Railroad or New Jersey pays \$232,142.76, and the Delaware, Luckawanna and Western \$200,530,75. The five life insurance companies of the State are the heaviest taxpayers after the railroads. They pay \$152,534.78. The miscellaneous corporations are assessed for \$857,730.67 tax on their capital stock. The assessment on the large corporations is sure to be paid, but there is a heavy loss on the miscellaneous corpora tions, some of which never go further than incorporation, while others go out of business, and upon failing to pay the tax assessed against them are deprived of their charters by procla-mation of the Governor. Several hundred of them are yearly wiped out, but there are enough new con-erns to make up for the lose. The report shows the sources of the State's income from taxes as follows:

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28 Insurance companies other than
life
4 surety companies
5 oil or pipe i he companies.
1 parior car company
19 telegraph, i.e. ephone and express
companies. 1,625 miscellaneous corporations.....

Total Some of the largest corporations, with the

amount of capital stock sessed, are:	issued and	taxes as
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Am. Sugar Religion Co	73,936,000	7,446 8
Sorth American Co	46,600,400	5,750 00
United little Rubber Co.	311,332,500	5,710 0
The Marsden Co.	25,250,000	5,512 3
United States Condage Co.	234,950,900	5.447 5
American Cotton Oil Co	80,000,000	5,253 5
American To acco Co	20,605,403	5,241.7
National Lead Co	29,909,400	5,240 4
Lake Superior Con. Mines.	28,730,000	5.190 0
Union Typewriters of	18,915,000	4.650 7
Twin City Rap, Tran. Co.,	10,147,200	4,557 8
Consend a d Traction Co.	15,000,000	4.500 0
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and Union S. Yarda Co	13,000,000	4,400 0
Stand Rose and I'm ne Co.	12 300,000	4.350 0
National Tube Works Co	11.500,000	4,325 0
Bates Thermic Motor Co	10,000,000	4,250 0
Wallis-Lispenard C. P. Co.	10,000,000	4.250 0
Elre, Rect. and Ref. Co	10,000,000	0.250.0
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Singer Sowing Machine Co.	0.150.000	4.22(1) 21
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Union Trac and Flee, Co.,	8,000,000	4.150.0
Armour Packing Co	7,500,000	4,125.0
John Good Cordage Co	7,000,000	1,100 0
The Sharon estate an		ican Tru

The Sharon estate and the American Type Founders Companies, each with \$5,000,000 capital, pay \$3,500. The smallest may path by a corporation is 10 cents, which is assessed against the Gibbons Superbeating Company.

The case with which the money is collected has made the Legislature reckless in appropriations in the basis.

GOSSIP OF THE RUNNERS

BROOKLYN JOCKET CLUB AN NOUNCES ITS SPRING STAKES. The Popular Brooklyn Handlenp Holds Firs

Pince on the List-Pour Attractive Stakes for Three-Year-Olds - Death of Hampton, One of the World's Noted Thoroughbred Sires Horsemen who expect to receive a slice of the rood things next season will find the Brooklyn Jockey Club's list of stakes an interesting study. Secretary McIntyre has issued the prospectua for the spring meeting, together with the announcement that the club reserves the right to start any or all of the races with or without the aid of a starting machine. The nominations close on Monday, Jan. 10, and should be addressed to the Secretary, 399 Fulton street, Chief among the attractions is the historic Brooklyn Handicap of \$10,000. The

conditions briefly are: For three-year-olds and upward; \$200 each, half forfelt, or only \$15 if declared by Feb. \$1; to the winner \$8,000, to the second \$1,500, and to the third \$500; weights to be announced Feb. 1; one mile and a quarter.

The other features with the same age condi tions include the Brookdale Handicap, with \$1,000 added, one mile and a furloug; the Parkway Handicap, with \$1,000 added, one mile and a sixteenth; the Myrtle Stakes, with \$1,000 added, selling allowances, one mile and a six teenth, and the Patchogue Stakes, with \$1,000 added, selling allowances, six furlongs.

The special events for three-year-olds exclusively are four in number, and each is pretty liberally endowed. The most prominent, per haps, is the Preakness Stakes of \$2,000, allow ances, one mile and a sixteenth. The conditions

For three-year-olds that have not won a race of th value of \$1,500 up to the dat- of closing entries; \$50 sch, \$15 forfeit; to the winner \$1,500, to the second \$300, and to the third \$200; weights 6 pounds belthe scale; non-winners of \$1,000 allowed 5 pounds of \$500, 12 pounds; maidens, 17 pounds.

Then there are the Broadway Stakes, with

\$1,500 added, penalties and allowances, one mile and a sixteenth; the Felcon Stakes, with \$1,000, selling allowances, one mile and a sixteenth, and the May Stakes, with \$1,000, selling allowances, six furiongs.

Two-year-olds are well catered to as usual, and youngsters with a turn of speed will get a chance to show it, as the longest route called for is five ruriongs. First on the list is the Clover Stakes of \$2,000 for fillies, four and a half furiongs. A similar amount is hung up for the Manhanest Stakes of four and a half furiongs. The other events in this class are the Hanover Stakes, with \$1,000 added, selling allowances, five furiongs, and the Bedford Stakes, with \$1,000 added, selling allowances, four and a half furiongs. nile and a sixteenth; the Falcon Stakes, with

States, with the followances, four and a half furionrs.

There are two events for the jumpers, which are expected to fill well. These are the Greater New York Steeplechase Bandican of \$1,000, over the full course, about two miles and a half, and the Kensington Hurdle Handicap, with \$750 added, one mile and three-quarters, over aeven hurdles. Both are for four-year-olds and upward, and the weights are to be announced two days before each race.

The latest foreign exchanges to hand announce the death of Hampton, the noted English racing and stud horse. Ho was fooled in 1872, so that he lived to the ripe old age of 25 years. He had an unusually successful career on the turf, but he is chiefly romembered by the present generation of horsemen through the equine celebrities he produced after retiring to the stud. These included three Derby winners, Merry Hampton, Ayrshire, and Ladas. Hampton was also the sire of such noted performers as Rookery, Royal Hampton, Rene D'Or, an Oaks winner; Sheen, Gay Hampton, Bay Ronaid, and others that have made their mark in turf history. It is estimated that the amount of money won by Hampton's stock from 1882 to 1897 would foot up to \$1,163,175.

WITH TROITER AND PACER.

President Butler of the Driving Club Points

Out a Pince for a New Race Course. The followers of trotting in this city have been waiting with some impatience since the annual business meeting of the Driving Club for signs of animation in the new Executive Committee. No meeting of the latter has been held to elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and if the new régime has any definite plan in view for providing a track to take the of Fleetwood Park it has not been divulged. The work of raising money, securing suitable ground and constructing a track and its equipments must necessarily take up several months under the most favorable circumstances, and it is the talk everywhere among members of the Driving Club and horsemen on the outside that no time ought to be lost in making a start if there is to be a Grand Circuit trotting meeting here next season. The outlook for the coming year is full of uncertainty, owing almost wholly to the hesitating course pursued by the new management of the Driving Club.

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James Butler, who has declined to serve longer as President, after pulling the organization out of debt, is one of those who believe that the best interests of harness racing in this city would be served by forming a new association, of not more than half a dozen horsemen, and building a track somewhere north of the Harle. River, to be controlled directly by the owners of the property. He says his experience at Fleetwood has led him to believe that no race track can be successfully managed by a committee of ten or a dozen men, particularly where 300 other club members have more or less voice in the management. He further says:

"I believe in putting the management of the track into the hands of one man and then hold him responsible. Hire a first-class manager, pay him \$5,000 a year if you can find one who is worth it, and let him have a free hand to run the track the same a he would run an opera house or any other business."

President Butler says that in his opinion no investment could be made at the present time which would be more secure or more certain to turn out successfully than a first-class one-mile trotting track convenient to this city. He has investigated the cost of such a plant, and finds that ground can be purchased about seven miles from the Harlem River, on Jerome avecue, and a track constructed and equipped with grand stand, stabling, &c., equal to anything in the Grand Circuit for \$200,000. The site which he has in vi w is not far from Van Corlanat Park, and is quite conveniently located for the shipment of horses by reliways.

With E. H. Harriman at the head of the New York State Brees ers' Association, the annual rotting meetings held by that organization at Poughkeepsle are likely to be raired to Grand Circuit standard, while there is a possibility of a new trotting association at Brooklyn next year, with headquarters at the mile track on John H. Shulta's Parkville farm. This would pave the way for the formation of a strong and compact circuit standard, while there is a possibility of a ne

Child Died and the Police Charged the 10-

Esther Grotsky, a 10-year-old girl, who lives a 16 Orchard street, when walking in Broome street Saturday night with her married sister, Mrs. Isaac Bloom, was asked to hold Joseph Bloom, Mrs. Bloom's 14-mon hs-old child, while the mother went into a store. The girl while the mother went into a store. The girl accidentally dropped the infent on the sidewalk. She packed him up and carried him into a drug store where he died before a physician could be called. The Coroner's office was notified and Coroner's Physician Donlin, on examining the body, becaded that the child died of shock. The girl was arrested and senent the night in the rooms of the Gerry Society. Magistrate Crane reduced to entertain any complaint against the girl, although the police charged her with homicide, and she went home with her mother.

Indian Emigrants from Indian Territory SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 19.-Three hundred members of Indian tribes in the Indian Territory passed through liarnett, Tex., yesterday in wagons on their way to the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, where they will settle on agricultural hands. Another ins allment of several hundred Indian colonists will follow them soon.

NEGRO ORPHANS' SING CAROLS.

fusio Yesterday Afternoon at the Colore Christmas exercises were held yesterday afternoon at the Colored Orphan Asylum, 143d street and Amsterdam avenue. The 300 children whom the institution shelters sang carols, and there was a brief address by the Rev. Dr. Virgin. When the exercises began the smaller children were scated in rows around the sides of the large and sunny chapel, which was festooned with greens. The little ones formed an interesting picture. There were all shades of color from coal black to light mulatto, but every face

from coal black to light mulatto, but every face shone with the same excitement and the white of every eye gleamed with expectation.

Then the older boys and girls entered, singing a processionel. Each girl was attired in an apron of spotless white, and each boy in a neat suit cut after a uniform pattern. The natural musical talent of the race was shown in the way the various carols were rendered. Every child sang, and the tones were full and clear. It is safe to say that a similar number of white children would make a poor howing compared with them.

them.

Many friends of the asylum were present. The
annual Christmas tree will be lighted and presents given out on Friday afternoon.

POULTRY PEDDLER ARRESTED.

to Drove Off with a \$10 Bill with Which Customer Paid for a 89 Gonse. Michael Nagle, a poultry peddler, was ar raigned in the Essex Market Court yesterday for creating a riot and stealing \$8 in Third street on Saturday night. The complainant against him was Mrs. Anna Urso, who lives a

69 Third street. She told Magistrate Crane that when she bought a goose from Nagle for \$2 and handed him a \$10 bill be whipped his horse and drove away. Several hundred people, according to officiating policeman's story, chased the officiating policeman's story, chased Nagle's wagon and overhauled him in Second avenue. The rumor spread among the crowd that Nagle had murdered some one. In the excitement Nagle's stock of geese, ducks, chickens, and turkeys was stolen from his wagon. Although it was not Christmas eve, there were a number of turkey raffles in the saloons in Avenues A and B shortly after Nagle's empty wagon and horse were brought to a livery stable and locked up. Nagle was also put behind locked and bars. Magistrate Crane held him for examination. Crane held him for examination

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAO—THIS DAY. un rises.... 7 20 | Sun sets... 4 26 | Moon rises. 3 42 HIGH WATER-THIS DAY. Sandy Hook. 8 46 | Gov. Isl'd. 4 18 | Hell Gate. 6 11 Arrived-SUNDAY, Dec. 19.

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Se La Bretagne, from New York, at Havre. Se Hekla, from New York, at Christiansand.

SAILED FROM FOREIGN PORTS. 5s Etruria, from Queenstown for New York. SAILED FROM DOMESTIC PORTS.

Ss Rio Grande, from Brunswick for New York. Ss Alamo, from Galveston for New York. OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

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BAIRD, -On Saturday evening, Dec. 18, 1897, Clare E., wife of James Baird. Funeral services at her late residence, 278 West 78d st., Monday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 P. M. Interment

at convenience of the family.

OUDERT.-On Sunday, Dec. 19, after a long and painful illness, Nora Edmond Coudert, widow of Louis Leonce Coudert. Funeral from the Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

Boulevard and West 71st st., Tuesday, Dec. 21, a 10 A. M. sharp. Interment private. DFAN.—Alexander M. Dean, aged 75 years. Funeral services at his late residence, 103 Rodne st., Brooklyn, on Tursday, at S P. M. FROST.—On Friday, Dec. 17, Albert Plumb Frost, in

bis 39th year. Funeral services will be held at his late residence, 325 West End av., on Monday, Dec. 29, at 10 A. M. Kindly omit flowers. Poston and Providence papers please copy.

REENE.—On Saturday morning, Dec. 18, 1897, of

pneumonia, Elizabeth Willets Reese, widow of John Keese. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. William W. Fitzhugh. 62 Decatur st., Brooklyn, on Monear, Bec. 20, at 2 o'clock P. M.

LANK.—On Dec. 19, Levina Lane, daughter of the late James Lucas and wife of John H. Lane. Funeral services to be held on Tucaday evening. Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock, at her late residence, 93 Norman av., Brooklyn. MILLISAN, -On Saturday, Dec. 18, Edward W.

Mulligan, in the 59th year of his age. Funeral from First Reformed Church, 7th av. and Carroll st., Brooklyn, Tuesday, Dec. v1, at 2 P. M. MORISON.—On Saturday, the 18th inst., John Architaid Morson, son of the late Daniel and Catharine Morison, in the 72d year of his age. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral arrvices at his late residence, 19 West 69th st., on Tuesday, 21ss

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FOR JANUARY TO-DAY

The First number of the new year contains the first instalments of two notable features for 1898:

SENATOR LODGE'S STORY OF THE REVO-LUTION begins with a vivid description of "THE FIRST STEP" in the summer of

> 1774: the procession of Colonial delegates marching into Carpenter's Hall, and the Philadelphia citizens looking on, picking out the promi-

nent figures-who were to become more prominent—Patrick Henry, the THE IDEAL Adamses, Randolph, Lee, the Rutledges, Hopkins, John Jay, and others, including the tall figure of one Col. Washington. Then the author turns to the description of "THE FIRST BLOW"the famous fight at Lexington.

The 27 illustrations by Howard Pyle, Earnest Peixotto, and F. C. Yohn are good examples of how this work is to be illustrated throughout the year.

THOMAS NELSON PAGE'S FIRST LONG NOVEL begins in this number: "RED ROCK. A CHRONICLE OF RE-CONSTRUCTION." This is the first novel of that era from a Southern standpoint, and Mr. Page considers it his best work. The frontispiece by Clinedinst will illustrate one of the scenes.

THE FRENCH LITERARY CIRCLE that met at the "garret" of the brothers de Goncourt-is described by ALINE GORREN. For illustrating this paper permission was obtained to reproduce the famous portraits drawn on flyleaves of presentation copies of books in Goncourt's library.

LLOYD OSBOURNE, the stepson and collaborator of the late Robert Louis Stevenson, contributes "THE CROWN VERSUS BILLY," a dramatic story of the South Sea Islands. The action takes place on board a British man-of-war.

SUSAN NICHOLS CARTER, the late head of Cooper Institute Art School, wrote just before her death, a bright, sunny description of life in the chestnut groves of northern Italy. Corwin Knapp Linson, the artist, went over the ground later for the magazine and made a score of illustrations in pen, crayon,

and oils. BRET HARTE'S POEM, "THE BIRDS OF CIR-

CENCESTER," is illustrated by HELEN WATTERSON M O O D Y 'S third essay on "THE UNQUIET WATTERSON MOODY'S third essay on

Sex," has to do with "Woman and Reforms." SOME TENDENCIES OF MO-

DERN OPERA, by REGINALD DE KOVEN, and an Arizona Story by W. LE C. BEARD (illustrated by Clinedinst) are among the other contents. MR. RUSSELL STURGIS, the art

critic, now takes special charge of the department "THE FIELD OF ART." This number contains a discussion of Rodin, by Mr. Brownell and Mr. La Farge, suggested by two recent works. THE POINT OF VIEW continues.

CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS. NEW YORK. Wife Milled by a Fall; Husband Held.

Edward Long, a carpenter, living at 424 West Forty-ninth street, was arraigned in the West Side Police Court yesterday as a suspicious per son, and was remanded in the custody of the Coroner to await the result of an investigation as to the cause of the death of his wife, Mathida Long, who died after falling down stairs on Saturday night. It is said that she was intoxicated when she fell and that her husband was not near by.

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No. 200. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
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Bividends and Interest.

Northern Pacific Ranway Company,

MILLS BUILDING.

NEW YORK, December 10th, 1807.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held this day, the following resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, Then tearnings of this Company are now on a basis which, after providing for fixed charges and a reasonable cash surplus for contingencies, justify the belief that the Company may, with nafety begin the distribution of dividends on its preferred stock; gin the distribution of dividends on its preferred stock;
And Whereas, The preferred stock certificates of this Company contemplate that any dividends there on sha i be declared and paid quarterly:
Therefore, be it Resolved, That there be, and there hereby is, declared from the net earnings a dividend of 1 per cent on the preferred stock of this Company for the quarter ending December 1st, 1897, same to be paid January 15, 1898, to the holders of record of the preferred stock at the closing of the transfer books on December 21, 1897.

Resolved, That for the purpose of such dividend the transfer books of this Company be closed at 3 P. M. on December 21, 1897, and respended at 10 A. M. on January 4, 1898.

GEORGE M. EARL, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO

The above dividend of two percent, will be payable on January 6, 1898, to holders of the Voting Trustees' certificates for first preferred stock of the St. Louis and San Francisco Raliroad Company, of record on the books of the Voting Trustees at the close of business on December 22, 1897. The transfer books of the Voting Trustees' certificates for first preferred stock will close at 3 P. M. on December 22, 1897, and will reopen at 10 A. M. on January 7, 1898.

Checks will be mailed.

Dated New York, December 18, 1897.

J. KENNEDY TOD & COMPANY, Agenta.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 1897.

The Trustees of this institution have declared interest at the rate of 312 per cent. per annum on all sums not exceeding \$3,000 remaining deposit during the three or six months ending on the S1st inst., payable on and after the third

Monday in January next.

KNICKERBOCKER TRUST CO.,

ANIORER BUCKER I RUSI

234 FIFTH AVE.

Branch Office, 69 Froadway

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE PER CENT. from net earn mgs on the capital side k of this Con pany, payable January 1st, 1808, to stockholders of record of Deember 20th, 1807, Transfer books will close December 20th, 1807, at 3 P. M., and reopen January 3d, 1808.

FRED'K L. ELDRIDGE, Secretary.

MINNEAPOLIS & ST. LOUINGE, Secretary.

MINNEAPOLIS & ST. LOUIN R. H. CO.

NEW YORK, December S, 1887.

The Board of Directors this day declared a sendarmual dividend of TWO AND ONE-HALF (2½)

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company, payable January 15th, 1895, at the Central

Frust Comp as of New York, to the stockholders of
record on December 13ts, 1897.

Transfer-books will be cosed Dec. 51-t, 1887, at 3

F. M. and reopened January 17th, 1895, at 10 A. M.

F. M. DAVIS, Treasurer.

THE DENVER 4 RIO GRANDE R. R. Co.
NEW YORK, December 9, 1887.
The Board of Directors has the day declared a semiannual dividend of ONE FER CENT, on the Preferred
Capital 8 oek of the company out of the net earnings,
The transfer books of the preferred stock will close
at 8 P. M., Jan. 12, 1898, and response to the the merining
of Jan. 18, 1898.

GLORGE COPPELL.

Chairm-n of the Doard.

THE STATE TRUST COMPANY.

NEW YORK, December 18, 1897.

A DIVIDEND of Three ser cent, on the carifal stock of the State Trust Company has teen decarded, payable January 3, 1898. The transfer books will be closed on December 23, at noon and will reopen on January 3, 1898.

H. M. FRANCIS, Treasurer.

Clections and Meetings.

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The Chicago, Bock Island
AND FACIFIC ROLL, December 2d, 1897.

A special meeting of the stockholders of The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company duly called by the Board of Directors, will be held at the General Office of the Company, No. 144 Van Buren street, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, and State of Illinois, on the Influent (15th) day of Pebruary, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of considering, voting, and deciding whether the stockholders of the company will consent to and will suthorize the c'ration of a bonded debt by the isaue, at such times and in such amounts as from time to time the Board of Directors may determine, of bonds, payable in Gold Coia of the United Mates of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, and not exceeding the suggestie principal sum of one hundred million dollars (£190,000,000), maturing January I. 1988, and bearing a rate of interest not exceeding five persentum per annum, payable semi-annually; and the exceeding of Directors annum, payable semi-annually; and the exceeding of Directors, to be dated January I. A. D. 1898, to secure all such bonds, which are to be Isaued for the purpose of refunding, redeeming, or paying, as or before maturity, outsianding obligations of this Company, and of such other companies whose railroads shall hereafter be acquired by consolidation of the Company, and of such other companies whose railroads hall hereafter be acquired by consolidation of the endingement, improvement or extension of the property of the Company, and of such other companies whose railroads shall hereafter be acquired by consolidation of the semi-movement or extension of the property of the Company will consent to, and autorous endication of the Roard of Directors authorizing charges of considering, and will ratify the property of the Company will consent to, and autorous endication of the Roard of Directors authorizing and other property to be covered thereby; and for the further property to be cove

A N ELECTION of twenty managers of the New York Institution for the illind and of three impectors of election will be held at the institution, itsit at and 9th sv., at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1897.

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The transfer books of the Voting Trustees for certificates for preferred stock will close in New York and in Berlin at 8 P. M. on December 21, 1897, and will reopen at 10 A. M. on January 4, 1898.

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A dividend of two per cent. has been declared on the first preferred stock of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 22, 1897. The first preferred stock transfer books will close at 3 P. M. on December 22, 1897, and will reopen at 10 A. M. on January 7, 1898.

December 13, 1897,
Dated New York, December 13, 1897,
FREDERICK STRAUSS,
Assistant Secretary.

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